# ANXIOUS ABOUT METHUEN.

DOUBT IN LONDON CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF HIS POSITION.

Contradictory Reports Concerning the Fate of Gen. Buller's Abandoned Guns-Boers Did Not Have Them the Day After the Battle-Gen. Lord Roberts in a Conference at the War Office-Imperial Yeamanry to Be Like Our Rough Riders.

LONDON, Dec. 21.-The silence concerning the military operations in South Africa has not yet been broken. Gen. Buller has sent a corrected list of the deaths of non-commissioned officers and privates at Colenso, placing the total at 137.

Nothing has been heard from Gen. Methuen since Dec. 17, and the reports of the excelspee of the Boer position and the skillful manner in which they are further the apprehension regarding the British at Modder River. The probability of Gen. Methuen's communications being cut grows, but nothing is positively known.

Nothing has been heard from Gen. Gatacre. Press reports indicate an increase in the Boer erength and activity in his neighborhood. It ts many days since there was any news from Ladysmith, Kimberley or Mafeking.

The reports that the Boers were unable to capture the guns the British abandoned at Colenso do not come from a source encourag-ing bellef in their truth. The Morning Post's correspondent at Chieveley says definitely that the guns were captured.

In a despatch dated Dec. 16, he says: "The Boers have placed their guns in positions which command this camp. They have captured ten of our guns."

On the other hand a despatch from Durban, under date of Dec. 15, the day after the battle, says: "Gen. Buller's abandoned guns at Colenso remain in the position they were left early this morning. It is not likely that the ture them as the British guns cover the posi-

Practically the same statement comes from the Boers in the following despatch, dated Pre-

Heavy fighting continues at Colenso. Four British guns across the river were put out of action and the gunners and horses killed. The British are shelling the Boors in order to prevent them crossing the bridge and capturing the guns. There was two hours artillery firing at the

Modder River, beginning at 6 o'clock this "The Boer forces at Mafeking are drawing

eloser to the British positions." In view of the increasing disposition in many quarters to upbraid the Government for responsibility for the British disaster owing to its lack of preparation, a speech made at Glasgow by Mr. Gerald Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, excites adverse comment. While disavowing any desire to criticise the Generals he said nevertheless that "our officers had had a sharp lesson," and he trusted that it would be

The newspapers devote much space to the volunteer movement. Reports indicate that the War Office is still overwhelmed with The Imperial Yeomanry scheme seems to some extent to be modelled on Reseveit's Rough Riders.
Additional reports from Colenso continue to

demonstrate the inferiority in range of the British artitlery. The naval guns alone were able to reach the enemy's trenches.

The Times's correspondent at Chieveler says that the Boers have dammed the river below Bridle Drift, rendering it almost impassable. Dublin Fusiliers had four men drowned while attempting the passage. People who know the country consider the Boer position to be the strongest possible. The Chronicle's correspondent at Chleveley

tells a story of the 14-year-old bugler of the Dublin Fusiliers. He received three wounds in the chest and one in the arm. He staggered back to the dressing station unaided. In reply to the Chaplain's question if he was suffering pain the lad said: "Only a stinging feeling in

Gen. Lord Roberts has had a conference with the Army Board. The Intelligence Department will furnish Gen. Roberts with a mass of information that has been collected regarding the Boers' positions.

There is considerable agitation against the att. u le of the Portuguese Government in allowing Delagon Bay to be an open door, where by the Boers are receiving ammunition and recruits. The Globe urges that England ought to assume direct control of Delagoa Bay dur-

The Times summarizes the military situation in gloomy terms. It says: "There seems to be little prospect of relieving Ladysmith by general advance along the railway. The probability increases that if Gen. s pressed for supplies he must fight his way south at all costs in combination with suc movement as Gen. Buller's transport will Viewing the situation a whole its extreme gravity is apparent. Our forces in the field are widely scattered, and for a time will be unable to assume the offensive. The incubus of Ladysmith and Kimberley still dominates the position. It is clear that the problem of organizing transport is yet unsolved."

## HOERS ATTACK CHIEF KHAMA.

Gen. Forestier-Walker Reports Offensive Operations Against the Natives. Special Carle Despatch to Tun Bun.

LONDON, Dec. 20,-The War Office has reesived the following from Gen. Forestier Walker at Cape Town under yesterday's date:

French shelled Jasfontein Farm, three miles east of the enemy's position on Dec. 18. The New Zealanders occupied a farm adjacent to the hill where the Boers were entrenched. The enemy's guns opened fire at 5,000 yards and the Boers advanced. Gen. French made a reconnolasance to the northward and then ordered a retirement. The New Zealanders were very steady under a hot fire. One of their number was wounded.

"The Boers attacked Chief Khama near Selinka on Nov. 27, and one of Chief Linch-We's villages near Sekwani, on Nov. 30. Linch-We is a subordinate chief under

## CZIR SEES BRITISH AMBASSADOR.

#### Private Interview at Which South African Affairs Were Probably Discussed. Special Cable Despatch to Twn Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21 .- A despatch to the Daily News from Berlin says it is reported that a diplomatic sensation has been caused in St. Petersburg by the Czar giving a private audince to Sir Charles Scott, the British Ambassador, at the palace at Tearskoe-Selo. It is leved that the audience had reference to Bouth Africa. There was a busy exchange of telegrams prior to the audience.

THE REPORT IN CAPE COLONY.

One Boer Camp Near Stormberg Made up or 2,000 Colonial Afrikanders. Special Cable Despat h to THE SUN. CAPE Town, Dec. 16. (Delayed in transmis-

ion).—It is reported that 500 disaffected Dutch What to Give a Man.

in the Victoria West district have openly expressed disloyalty and threatened to attack the railway station, which is on the direct line to

Cape Town. A despatch from De Aar says that the Boers intend to make a determined stand at Stromberg. They are massing in great force at the abandoned British camp. One of their camps is occupied by 2,000 men, mainly colonial

A number of natives have been sworn in as special constables to watch the Dutch resi-

dents on the border. THE YEOMANRY VOLUNTEERS.

War Office Will Try to Send 8,000 of Them

pecial Cable Despatch to THE BUS. LONDON, Dec. 21-The Daily News says that the military chiefs in South Africa desire 8,000 imperial yeomanry. The War Office will aim to comply with this desire. The first installment of this number will be 3,000, who are to be raised by Lord Chesham. They will be

Mr. Arthur J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, has initiated a fund in his native county to help equip yeomanry volunteers whose means will not enable them to furnish their own horses, saddlery and equipment. The fund is intended to supplement the War Office grant, which is limited to supplying what is absolutely necessary. Mr. Balfour suggests that the other countles start similar

LONDON TO EQUIP A CORPS.

Will Enroll 1,000 Men and Provide a Ship to Send Them to South Africa.

Special Cable Perpatch to THE BOX. LONDON, Dec. 20 .- At a meeting of the Corporation of the City of London to-day, £30,000 was donated toward equipping a special corps of 1,000 volunteers for service in South Africa. The Mercers' Guild, Baron Bothschild and Mr. Alfred Beit contributed £5,000 each, Mr. Charles Wilson, M. P., offered a ship to convey 500 men and 50 officers to South Africa, which

is equal to a subscription of £15,000.

It was resolved to confer the freedom of the city on each volunteer, following the precedent of 1750.

OVERHAULED BY A BRITISH CRUISER. Spanish Steamship Allowed to Proceed After Her Identity Was Learned.

Special Cobis Despatch to THE BUN. Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Dec. 19.-The Spanish steamship Ciudad de Cadiz from Cadiz reports that on the morning of Dec. 1d she sighted a British cruiser which followed and gradually overhauled the steamer. At 11 P. d. the Spanish captain, seeing that he was going to be overhauled sounded the alarm on his siren and stopped the vessel. The British cruiser used her searchlight and fired a gun. Then she hoisted her ensign and fired another shot. The captain of the Cindad de Cadiz holsted the Spanish flag, gave the name of his vessel and his course and was allowed to proceed.

DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH FOLUNTEERS Consuelo Vanderbitt's Busband to Join the Yeomanry for South African Service.

Spec at Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 20,-The Duke of Marlborough among the several titled personages who have volunteered for service in the Imperial

Charles Richard John Spencer-Churchill, Ninth Duke of Mariborouga, Marquess of Blandford, Earl of Sunderland, Earl of Mariborough, Baron Spencer of Wornleighton and Baron Churchill of Sanirliges: Frince of the Holy Roman Empire and Frince of Mindelsheim in Suabla, was married to Consuelo Vanderbit, Nov. 6, 1836, at St. Bartholomew's Church in this city. The Duke of Mariborough is in his twenty-ninth year. He succeeded to his title on the death of his father in 1832. Since his marriage the Duke has greatly improved Blenheim, the great estate of the Marlboroughs in Oxfordshire, which was given by the British nation in grateful recognition of his victories to John Churchill, first Duke of Marlborough, concerning whom the French children still sing. "Maibrouk sen vasten guerre." The present Duke and Duchess have restored to Blenheim much of the splender of which it had been stripped by reacten guerre. The present Duke and Duchess have restored to Blenheim much of the spleudor of which it had been stripped by the extravagance of the Duke's predecessors. The Duke has entered actively into political life. His first speech in Parliament was maile on Aug 15, 1885, when on behalf of the House of Lords he made the first reply to the address of the throne to the new Parliament. On that occasion he wore the uniform of the Oxfordshire Yeomanry, in which he holds a commission as Lieutenant. Early in the present year he was appointed a Paymaster-General. He has two children, John Albert Edward William Spencer-Churchill, Marquess of Blandford, who was born in 1897, and Lord Ivor Charles Spencer-Churchill, who was born in 1898. The Duke was arrested in this city in October, 1885, by Park Policeman Sweeney for coasting on his bicycle in Central Park. He was let go because he didn't know the law.

PROMOTION FOR VON DIEDERICHS. He Has Been Appointed Chief of Staff of the German Navy.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Buntin, Dec. 20.-Admiral von Diederichs, whose actions at Manila immediately before and after the capture of that city by the Amerleans caused widespread comment, has been appointed chief of staff of the navy.

ITALIAN TROOPS FOR EGYPT? Report That They Will Replace the British

Troops Sent to South Africa. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROMB. Dec. 20.-The Italia says it learns that the British troops in Egypt will shortly be replaced by Italians, to enable the former to go to South Africa.

THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT. Mounted-Infantrymen and Artillerymen t

Sail Within Three Weeks. OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 20.-The Cabinet to day decided the composition of the second Canadian contingent for South African service It will consist of artillery and mounted infantry. There will be three batteries of artillery, including 400 men. The eighteen guns, will, it is said, be furnished by Great Britain, as the Canadian authorities do not deem it wise at this time to weaken this arm of the militia. The mounted infantry will be composed of Northwest Mounted Police, Alberta cowboys and cavalrymen. The several squadrons in the contingent will go as seperate units and will be taken in command by Canadian officers now at the front in South Africa. The contingent will mobilize at Halifax and is expected to sail within three weeks.

The militia department is still beseiged with offers of volunteers and the greatest enthusiasm prevails among the militia in all the districts of Canada. the Canadian authorities do not deem it wise at

BRITISH SEIZE YANKEE FLOUR.

Three Ship Leads Diverted to Natal, Cap-

Town and East London. Cable advices reached A. J. Twomey of the New York Produce Exchange and the Pennsylvania Milling and Export Company yesterday that the ship Beatrice, with a cargo of flour from his firm had been seized by the British in Delagon Bay and sent to East London, and that another and sent to East London, and that another ship, the Maria, had been sent to Port Natal. The Mashona with 14,000 sacks of flour, was stopped and sent to Cape Town a week ago, as it was suspected that the flour was intended for the Boers. The ships, which were chartered by the Pennsylvania Milling and Export Company, are owned by Bucknell Brothers of London.

Mr. Twomey sent a protest to Washington. He stated that he had never known flour to be considered contraband of war.

Deerfoot Farm Sausages Made of the tender meat of dairy fed fat roung porkers, daintily seasoned with selected spices. Try a two-pound package at once. Beware of imitations—Adu.

GEN. WOOD NOW RULES CUBA

WELCOMED TO HAVANA BY CUBANS OF ALL FACTIONS.

He Relieves Gen. Brooke at Noon and Promises to Give the Best Possible Government in All Departments-Great Enthuslasm When His Steamer Arrived. Special Coble Despatch to THE BUS.

HAVANA, Dec. 20.—Cuba's new Military Gov-ernor assumed at noon to-day the duties and responsibilities of his office. Gen. Brooke is now but a simple soldler without a command. The friends of Gen. Brooke yesterday are the friends of Gen. Wood to-day, and the enemies of the old Governor-General are doubly the friends of the new. The welcome accorded to Gen. Wood, over

and above the applause of the mob bowing before him simply because he is Governor, was flattering to him personally and gratifying to the friends of the Administration at Washington and the lovers of Cuba. It was shown by the overwhelming demonstration in his honor that he comes with the good will of those whom he must rule. The danger period is yet to come, to be sure, when changes affecting personnel and policy are to be made and criticism passed, yet starting high in popular favor. as he certainly does, his opportunities for good are immensely widened.

Gen. Wood arrived on the steamer Mexico at 6 o'clock this morning after a pleasant voy-The Mexico cast anchor a little to the eastward of the Texas, which, in the dim light of the early morning, soon ran up a flag in honor of the distinguished visitor, lowering it again at 8 o'clock under the rules.

Great preparations had been made by the Cubans to receive the new Governor, but the reception surpassed expectations. As the Mexico, dressed in many colored flage, awang | \$25 a week so that she can live through them. into the harbor past Morro Castle a Major-General's salute of thirteen guns boomed out, A revenue cutter, with Collector of Customs Bliss and Civil Governor Nuflez aboard, ran alongside the Mexico. Boarding the vessel Gov. Nufi ez extended a welcome in behalf of the province of Havana. Following the cutter came dozens of launches and other craft, all brilliant with bunting and flags. At the Caballeria wharf lay the Quartermaster's tug Baker. with Gens. Chaffee and Humphrey and Director of Posts Bathbone aboard, and alongs de this, Gen. Ludlow's tug, with Adjt.-Gen. Scott and Lieut. Merchant of Gen. Ludlow's staff aboard. These tugs put off for the Mexico together. The Baker reached the steamer first, and the Generals welcomed Gen, Wood, who accepted a proffer of quarters at the Hotel Inglaterra. Adit.-Gen. Scott followed with Gen. Ludlow's invitation. Gen. Wood explained that he had several invitations, and thought it best to go to the Hotel Inglaterra, thus avoiding giving

Culan committees there poured aboard the ship and over-ran it. Boat after boat swarmed about the Mexico, with bands playing alternately the "Star Spangled Banner" and the "Hymn of Bayamo," to both of which airs Cubans and Americans lifted their hats. As the tug bearing the Benedleenela band swung under the Mexico's bow playing the hymn Gen. Wood, who was standing on deck, raised his cap. Cubans' cheers followed.

Among the visitors were deputations from all the city departments, including Mayor Late and the Councilmen, and Ruis Rivers. the deposed Civil Governor of Havana Province, who greeted the newcomer in the name of the Cuban army. After felicitations all round the welcomers departed. Gen, Wood declined the division and department officers' tenders to convey him ashore, accepting the Marine Society. This pleased the Cutans greatly. The run ashore was quickly made, a flotilla following, with people cheering, bands playing, and photographers at work on all

pectation that Gen. Wood would march in state immediately to the palace. All rushed along these were Gen. Mavia Rodriguez, the most recalcitrant of Cubans under Gen. Brooks, and Gen. Gomez's enemy. He climbed into Gen. Wood's carriage to greet him and rode with him, Col. Biehards and Horatio S. Rubens to the Hotel Inglaterra. There was no parade or further demonstration on land, as Gen. Wood's friends had no desire to hurt the feelings of Gen. Prooke and his friends. At the hotel there was a stream of callers all the morning representing every faction and element in Cuban life. Gen. Maximo Gomez, who is iil, sent his aides to greet the new Governor. At noon Gen. Wood, with Lieut, Brooks, his

aide, went to the palace and called on Gen Brooke. The latter presented the members of the Cabinet and the officers of his staff. He then turned his office over to Gen. Wood.

Gen. Wood will take hold of routine business to-morrow morning. Naturally, little else will be done until next week. Gen. Brooke will leave by way of Tampa on Saturday. Wood had nothing to say for publication eave to relterate his policy that in all departments he would give the best possible government. Undoubtedly, the impression created by him is extremely favorable. He was dressed in fatigue uniform. His man ner was unostentations, but he was very dignified. There will be a reception at the palace on Dec. 23, from 2 to 4 o'clock. This afternoon Gen. Wilsen, Gen. Ludlow and Capt. Signbee officially called on Gen. Wood, who later returned the visit on board the Texas, which

Among the notables in Havana are Seffores Quesada, Albertini and Carlos Garcia, who arrived on the Mascotte. Many others are here from all parts of the Island discussing the robable changes, particularly in the Cabinet, The Cabinet officers will resign, and the imression prevails that Gen. Wood will accept the resignations, although nothing is really known as to his intentions. It is, in fact, not known whether he will have any Cabinet. As to the newspapers, there is not one that does not hold out the hand of friendship and en-

couragement. The death of Gen. Lawton in Luzon has caused great sorrow here. Gen. Wood first heard the news on landing. He exercased deep grief. A large ball that was to have been held on Friday night has been postponed out of res-pect to Gen. Lawton's memory.

Germanic Takes the Cymric's Place. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 20.-The steamship Germanic will take the place of the Cymris in the White

Star Service, the latter having been chartered

for transport service.

A number of persons who sympathize with the Boers in the present war will meet in the Morton House this evening to discuss plans for holding a public meeting shortly after the holidays for the benefit of the Transvaal sufferers and to express their disapproval of

the South African war. Sentries Doubled at the Esquimalt Naval

Station. VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 20.-The sentries have been doubled at the Esquimait naval station. The big guns are now constantly manned and extensive defensive improvements are under

Krupp Making Shells for Great Britain. Special Cable Despatch to THE BUS.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.-According to an Essen newspaper the Krupps are working day and night on a British order for 25,000 shrapnel

M'INTYRE FIGHTING GOULD,

Offers to Produce Money Enough to Re habilitate the Suspended Trust Company. The Board of Trustees of the Produce Exchange Trust Company (suspended) met yesterday afternoon in the board room of the company at 26 Broadway. A proposition to reorganize the company was submitted by Thomas A. McIntyre, one of the trustees. The proposition stated that Mr. McIntyre had got guarantees of money enough to pay off all the depositors and satisfy the Superintendent of the Bank Department, and that the guaranters were ready to make money available on condition that such a board of trustees and officers be chosen as would manage the affairs of the com-

chosen as would manage the affairs of the company upon sound banking principles and in the interest of the stockholders; and that such changes be made in the management of the company as would command the confidence of the public and handle the assets to the greatest advantage. The board appointed a committee of three, nominated by Mr. Melntyre, to examine into the merits of his proposition and report to-morrow afternoon.

Supt Kilburn issued a statement to show that the money held on deposit by the Produce Exchange Trust Company and belonging to various savings banks, which amounts to about \$500,000, will be paid in full. The Superintendent called yesterday for all the collateral held by the trust company for syndicate ionus. After examining it he said:

"I will say nothing about these ascurities, by what syndicates they were put up or the amount of money lent on them, because anything i might say might be misunderstood and might tend to prevent the roorganization of the company."

TWO MEN SUE ONE POOR WOMAN. Both Married to Her or Perhaps Not - An Alleged Divorce.

Three matrimonial actions pending in the Supreme Court centre about Annie E. Schwaab, who is under thirty years of age, and she moved before Justice Beekman of the Supreme Court yesterday for a counsel fee of \$250 and Part is certainty and part is mist to her in her natrimonial affairs. She knows that she married Samuel G. McCormick, formerly a dentist of this city, on March 6, 1809, but she does not know that the Samuel G. McCormick, who has an action pending against her for divorce on account of her relations with Charles L Schwaab, a boss plumber, is the man she married and lived with for fifteen months. The complaint in the action was verified in Middleex county, England, and while she knows that McCormick went to England several years ago, she had proof that satisfied her that he died over there. She denies that she married the plaintiff and requests that he come over for

over there. She denies that she married the plaintiff and requests that he come over for identification.

From Schwaab whom she married Jan. 22. 1998, she wants admony and counsel fee. She is suing him for an absolute divorce, and asserts that he left her last June and has slice been living with another woman.

In the third action Schwaab is suing her for annulment of his marriage to her on allegations that at its date she was the wife of McCormick. In this action she avers that she gave Schwaab \$375 to begin divorce proceedings for her agrainst McCormick, that he took her to Lawye. J. Grant Mitchell, who told her that a luit had been begun; that she appeared and testified before a man nanced Colliver in Mitchell's office who, Mitchell told her, had been suppointed referee in the case and that Mitchell afterward told her that a divorce had been granted and showed her what purported to be the decree. Schwaab was present on all of these occasions and took the decree to keep it, bur afterward told her he had destroyed it. Decision was reserved.

CITIZENS' UNION WEEDED.

Themselves Up by the Boots. The C'ttrens' Union issued a statement last night to the effect that besides the ilon, Isaac H. Klein and the Hop, Merer D. Rothschild, the Hon. Alfred Frank, the Hon. B. Boudinot Keith and the Hon. Samuel J. Rose had resigned. launch Esperanza, belonging to the Cuban | The statement said that the gentlemen may or may not have resigned because of the adoption of a new constitution by the union. All of the men named were members of the Central City Committee, which has been the governing body and have very nearly dominated that commit-

The landing was made at the Machina wharf, which disappointed a large growd which had gathered at the Cabalieria wharf in the expectation that Gen. Wood would march in state immediately to the palace. All rushed along or election of this union in the nomination or election of remons to office shall be strictly limited to candidates who are voted for only by citizens of the judicial districts in which the said of the indicial districts in which the said of the constitution makes the basis of the constitution makes the constitution makes the basis of the constitution makes the constitution makes the basis of the constitution makes the constitution makes

is located."

The constitution makes the basis of the organization the Assembly district and provides for a City Committee for the entire city. The present Central City Committee will an out of existence as soon as twenty Assembly districts are organized. The constitution says that the city committee may, if it wants to, appoint a committee of a ventralizens in any year that a Mayor is to be elected. The need not be members of the union. This committee may select candidates and then report to a city convention. The city convention is the only body that can nominate candidates.

## SPECULATOR KILLS HIMSELF.

Cashler of the Baltimore Post Office, Who Lost Heavily in Stocks, Commits Suicide. BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.-Capt. Louis Schneeberger, cashier at the Post Office and one of the leading Republicans of Baltimore, shot and killed himself this morning at his home on Pairmount avenue. The news of the spicide was received at the Post Office about half an hour after it happened. Postmaster Warfield ordered an investigation of the accounts of the dead eashier. They were found correct in every detail. Capt. Schneeberger has been known recently as a heavy operator in the stock market and his winnings were supposed to have amounted to as much as \$100,000 up to August of this year. Since then they shrunk more or less but it was not until the big slump of three weeks ago to-day, it is said, that he began to feel at all in doubt as to the ultimate augusts of his ventures. His brokers called for large margins which were put up, the was carrying a large amount of stock and the margins had to be obtained on call loans from the banks. During the last three weeks his friends say that he seemed satisfied that there would be an appreciable rise, but when this week's slump came and he was called again for margins he again raised more money on call in an effert to save himself.

Stocks dropped lower and lower and he was entirely wiped.out. His margins disappeared and he was left without resources. He is said to have lost within the past week \$100,000. to have amounted to as much as \$100,000 up

THE SOUTH IN CONGRESS.

A Bill Having for Its Object a Reduction

of the Representation. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20,-A bill introduced in the House to-day by Representative Crumpacker of Indiana has for its ultimate object a reduction of the representation of the South in Congress. It directs the Director of the Census to compile the registration laws of the several States, so far as they affect the qualification of voters; to far as they affect the qualification of voters; to collect statistics showing the number of voters, white and colored, respectively, in each State, and the number of votes actually cast at the Presidential and Congressional elections in 1836; and the regular Congressional elections in 1836. He is also directed to prepare a tabulated statement showing respectively the number of white and colored male citizens in each State over the age of 21 years, together with the number of illiterates.

This information properly tabulated is to be in resiliness for submission to Congress before Dec. 15, 1900. The bill was referred to the Committee on Census.

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34 Military Companies Disbanded. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 20.-To-day thirty-four military companies were disbanded for failure o come up to regulations. Twelve of these were cavairy companies, which rulis South Carolina from the head of the cavairy States New Mexico having heretofore been a close second. Four of the disbanded infantry are negrocompanies. negro companies.

21 1-2 Hours to Cincinnati via Pennsylvania Railroad, "Pennsylv Ria ind." Leaves New York (West 23d St. Staton) 9 6 . A. M. daily. No extra fare.—Adu.

WOMEN IN QUEER UPSETS.

TWO PENNED IN AN OFERTURNED BROUGHAM, TWO IN A HANNOM,

All Four Unburt-Mrs. A. A. Drake and Her Daughter in a Three-Cornered Collision in the Shopping District-Mrs. H. E. Robbins and a Friend in a Cab Crash.

A brougham stopped in front of the Second National Bank in the Fifth Avenue Hotel just before noon yesterday. Before the two women secupants, Mrs. A. A. Drake and her daughter who live at the Hotel Majestic, could slight a three-cornered collision occurred. A hansom cab owned by William Thompson of 57 Irving place and driven by John Mulligan of 1084 Park avenue had turned in behind the brougham to get out of the way of a west bound Twenty-third street car. Before Mulligan's cab had cleared the tracks the car crashed into it. His horse stumbled and the shafts of the hansom were caught in Mrs. Drake's brougham. The hansom horse, in rising to his feet, lifted

the brougham in the air and it turned over on the sidewalk. The driver managed to stay on top of the vehicle, but he was in such a position that he lost control of his team and the horses plunged forward. Policeman Schlottman of the Broadway squad grasped their bildies, but they dragged the upturned relacie, with the two women inside, a hundred feet

with the two women inside a hundred feet along the street before the policeman could bring them to a stop.

Dragging on behind the brougham came the hansom and the horse. Mullican, the hansom driver, had been unsented when the car ran into his ric. His harness had become tangied in the rear wheels of the upturned brougham and when the brougham lorses began to plunge and rear, the cab and horse were dragged along behind. Mrs. Drake and her daughter, their heads through the top of the door in the upturned brougham, meanwhile were coolly giving directions to their coachman, which he was unable to obey, having lost the relias.

door in the upturned brougham, manwhile were coolly giving directions to their coachman, which he was unable to obey, having lost the reins.

When the frightened team was stopped a hundred hands assisted in righting the brougham. Mrs. Brake and her daughter atayed in the carriage until it was righted. Then they went into the bank and while the hansom horse was being released they rested in the bank waiting room. The brougham was so badly damaged that they were obliged to take a cab to their hotel. Mrs. Drake said before she started away that she was bruised and shaken, but hiss Drake said she felt no fill offects of her experience.

The motorman who caused the trouble was not arrested because no one wanted to go to the trouble of making a complaint against him. Mulligan, the cab driver, had his back injured but he refused medical attendance. His horse was cut about the legs and the hansom considerably damaged. Mrs. Drake's driver escaped injury.

Two other women found themselves in a somewhat similar upset later in the day at Fifth avenue and Twenty-sixth street. Mrs. Henry A. Robbins of 419 Fifth avenue and a woman friend were being driven down the avenue in a New York Central cab when an express wagon driven by John O'Connor of 326 East 117th street made a short turn around the corner of Twenty-sixth street. The express wagon truck the cab overturning it. The cab driver was unseated and his horse thrown.

Mrs. Robbins and her friend were held or some the sum of the cab was righted the womes were able to continue their journey. Neither was hurt. The driver of the express wagon was not arrested.

John F. Roeff, a retired builder, fixing at 150

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John F. Roeff, a retired builder, living at 150 East Ninetich street, was out driving yesterday with his sister, when their horse shiel at a piece of paper in the street and ran into an elevated railroad pillar at Eighty-eighth street and Third avenue. Both occupants of the carriags were thrown out and injured. Roeff received a bad scalp wound. His sister's head was out and her right arm was fractured. They were removed to the Presbyterian Hospital. The horse was caught a block away.

HOW MAJOR LOGAN DIED.

Lient.-Col. Brereton Says He Was Shot While Leaning Over a Wounded Man. Youngsrown, Ohio, Dec. 20.-The following letter received here and sent to Mrs. John A Logan, Jr., at San Diego, Cal., sets at rest the stories that Major Logan was killed by one of

"SAN FABIAN, Luzon, Nov. 12, 1809. "Mrs. John A. Lugan, Youngsteen, Ohio.
"Dean Mus. Lugan: While the Thirty-third Francisco Major Logan gave me his address for use in case he should not return to the

Francisco Major Logan gave me his address for use in case he should not return to the United States. Long before you receive this letter you will have learned the sad fact of his death, and it only remains for me to relate the circumstances.

"Your his band died a here, while leading in battle the command to which he had been essigned upon joining his regiment, the Third Hattalion. His battalion was the advance gunt of the regiment in the attack upon the town of San Jachito, aix miles from this place, yesterday. Nov. 11. Major Logan was leaning over a wounded soldier to assist him when he was shot through the head. This was shortly before 0 o'clock in the morning. Prompt surgical attendance was at hand, but the Major Dever recovered consclousness, and died while being conveyed to the heapital. The exact locality was about two miles from this town, in the road to San Jachito.

"I was one of the last persons who saw him alive, and he was brave and self-possessed until struck down by an enemy's bullet. Col. Hare wishes this letter to be considered his as well as mine and to say that he, in common with every officer and man in the regiment, mourns the loss of Major Logan. It is the Colonel's intention to parade the regiment to-morrow as an escort of inconer to your husband's remains, and a sadder duty he has never been called on to perform.

"While the place he leaves vacant in our esteem and affection, and now that he is gone we trust that you will permit us to consider ourselves your loyal friends. Very truly, "J.J. Baragrow, Lieutenant-Colonel, Thirty-third Iniantry, U.S.V.

PINGREE ORDERS THEM OUT.

Gets Besignations From Military Officers an Alleged Corrupt Deal.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 20 .- Quartermaster General W. L. White of Grand Rapids, Inspector General A. F. Marsh of Allegan and Samuel N. Bickerstaff, members of the Board of Trustees of Kalamazoo Asylum, have handed in their resignations to Gov. Pingree in response to his request. Adjutant-General P. H. Case declined to resign clothing deal, which prompted the request, Gov. Pingree's request for the resignation of these officials was based on the developments brought to light by the Grand Jury showing that White, Marsh and Case on behalf of the fatto had either stupidly or wlifully sold to the Illinois Supply Company, represented by Bickerstaff, a large quantity of military stores for \$10,500 and later repurchased them, paying nearly \$60,000 for the same stores to the Henderson-Ames Company of Kalamazzo.

Both White and Marsh protes: their innocence of wrong foing. Case pleads ignorance of the whole transaction. Bickerstaff says the affair, was a business transaction. To-day Gov. Pingree sent a message to the Legislaturo asking that body to authorize the Attorney-General to begin suits on the bonds of the officers of the Military Board to recover the amount lost on the clothing deal. of these officials was based on the develop-

TOOK THEIR COFFINS HOME.

Golden Wedding and Prepare for Death. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 20.-Calvin McPherson and wife, living near English, Crawford county, celebrated their fittieth wedding anniversary at the residence of their daughter at English at the residence of their daughter at English yesterday, at which were present many of the shildren and grandchildren. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. McPherson went to an undertaker's and selected their coffins and had them placed in their wagon to be taken heme. They are both past seventy. In expinantion of the purchase of the coffins, Mr. McPherson said:
"We just thought we'd have 'em ready as it won't be long till we'll need 'em."

New Evening Train to the Southwest. Leaves Grand Central Station at 9:20 every day by the New York Central-Big Four House. Perfect service.—Adm.

ELEPHANT KILLS HIS TRAINER, Life of Patsy Forepaugh Crushed Out by

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Patsy Forepaugh, trainer for Forepaugh and Sell's circus, was killed to-day by an elephant belonging to the circus and known as Sid. Forepaugh was trying to get the elephant to go to another part of the building where the elephants were, but Sid was sulky and refused to obey. Forepaugh sunk a hook into his trunk which greatly angered the elephant. Forepaugh was selzed in the elephant's trunk and thrown to the ground with great violence. Sid then placed his forefoot upon Forepaugh, and throwing

M'CLUSKY IN HOT PURSUIT.

A Prisoner Breaks Away From the Chief of Detectives in Broadway.

his weight upon him crushed his life out.

A fugitive prisoner, with Chief of Detectives McClusky in pursuit, dashed through the Broadway erowd as the theatres were emptying last night. Capt. McClusky had picked up the man in the Waldorf Astoria on suspicion that he was a man who is wanted in Richmond, Va. The two walked along Thirtyfourth street toward Broadway McClusky intending to turn his prisoner over to one of the Central Office detectives watching that thor oughfare at night.

his staff not further downtown than Wallack's Theatre, and he did not handcuff Theatre, and he did not handcuff his prisoner. In turning down Broadway the two walked along close logether At between Thirty-first and Thirty-should streets the prisoner thought that the chances were in his favor if he tried to lose McClusky in the crowd. The holiday crowds and people from the closing theatree made the sidewalks almost immassable except at a small's page.

Suddenly McClusky saw his man, lart out among the cable cars, reach the west sidewalk and after continuing along there about thirty yards run over to the east side. The chase continued in this now-you-den't fishion until Wallack's Theatre was reached when the fugitive ran through the en-

reached when the reached the man's hurried entrance. Central Office Detective Mannion was on duty there and noticed the man's hurried entrance. When McClusky came along both located the man among the people still in the theatre and recaptured him. He was taken into the office of the theatre and searched. Then Mannion took him to Police Head-quarters.

TRANSCONTINENTAL RATE WAR. No Progress Made at the Chicago Meeting

Toward a Settlement of Differences. CHICAGO, Dec. 20.-No progress toward a settlement of the transcontinental rate war was made here to-day at the meeting of passenger officials west of Chicago. No satisfactory report was received of the meetings in New York yesterday of the New England Passenger Association and the heads of the pas-Passenger Association and the heads of the reassenger departments of the Vanderbilt roads. In consequence the meeting here was brief and an adjournment was taken until to-morrow, when definite reports of the New York meetings are expected from the Western passenger efficience, who were in conference with the Vanderbilt representatives.

It is by no means certain, even if the question of differentials in New England is settled satisfactority, that rates between Chicago and the Pacific coast will be restored to a normal basis. Some of the Southern Pacific's plans do not have the annoval of a number of the roads. Its demand that all lines maintain higher rates between Chicago and California then the sum of the local rates by way of Portland are thought unreasymble and are regarded as a violation of the Interstate Commerce law.

violation of the Interstate Commerce law. EXPELLED FOR SINFUL TEMPER.

MOUNT VERNON, Dec. 20.-The Quarterly Conference held in the First Methodist Episco-pal Church of this city last night affirmed the entiet of the Stamford Methodist Episcopa Church in the case of William Kemp of that Church in the case of William Kemp of that place, who was recently expelled for contumacy. The Presiding Elder, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Pullman of the New York East Conference, presided. Mr. Kemp's counsel was ex-Mayor Bohanan of Stamford, and ex-Judge G. G. Reynolds of Brocklyn appeared for the congregation. Among the charges presented against Mr. Kemp was that of a sinful temper. It was also allesed that he interrupted the services by springing to his feet and attempting to correct the minister while the latter was delivering sermons. ing to correct the mi delivering sermons.

Verdict in a Stamford Methodist Church

BUCHTEL COLLEGE BURNED

Main Building of the Universalist Institu tion at Akron, Ohio, Destroyed. AREON, Ohio, Dec. 20.-The main building o Buchtel College, 400 feet long, 60 wide and five stories high, was burned to the ground this evening. The fire started on the top floor and all the efforts of the Fire Department failed to check the flames, which speedily are their way throughout the entire length of way inroughout the entire length of the building and down through every floor. The library of 12,000 volumes was savel, but the natural history museum, valued at \$50,000, and the chemical laboratory, valued at \$10,000, were ruined. The total loss will figure up to a full \$200,000, while the insur-nce is out \$45,000. Buchiel College is under the control of the Universalists and headson the control of the ance is only \$45,000.

Buchiel College is under the control of the Universalists and has about two hundred and twenty-five students, mostly from Ohio. It was founded in 1871, Horace Greeley delivering the oration at that time. The building will not be rebuilt, but will probably be replaced by a number of smaller modern structures.

ASKS MORGAN TO RETRACT.

Gov. Johnston Characterizes a Statemen Made in the Senate as Untrue. MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 20.-Gov. Johnston.

who is a candidate for Senator Morgan's seat publishes to-day the following letter: "MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 20. "Hon, John T. Morgan, United States Senator, Wash-"Str.-You are quoted as having said on the 19th in a speech in the Senate: 'It is a monste

Isth in a speech in the Senate: It is a monster monopoly that had to leave Alabama and find a home and shelter in New Jersey and a large corporation in which the Governor of Alabama has or had a large amount of stock and who leads the procession.'

"I regret that you did not make this charge on the stump in Alabama where I would have had a chance to reply, but waited until you found the shelter of the Senate. The charge is not true and I respectfully demand that you shall retract the same or find one reputable witness to sustain it. witness to sustain it. "Respectfully, Joseph F. Johnston."

THE FIGHT ON GALLINGER,

Charges of Violation of Civil Service Laws to Go to the Grand Jury. MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 20 .- A despatch from Laconia says that the charges brought by ex-Gov. C. A. Busiel and Senator W. E. Chandler against Senator J. H. Gailinger, alleging ler against Senator J. H. Gailinger, alleging violation of the civil service laws, will be taken before the Grand Jury next week. The case now is in the bands of United States District Attornev Hamblett. Ex-Gov. Busiel in an interstew said yesterday:

"The Attornev General has referred the charges against Senator Gailinger in the civil service case to District Attorney Humblett of Nashua, who hes notified me that the matter can go before the Grand Jury in Concord on Wedneaday, Dec. 27.

NO POOL SELLING IN ALABAMA.

Mr. McPherson and Wife Celebrate Their Present Law Constitutional. MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 20.-The Suprem Court of Alabama to-day declared to be valid the law which prohibits the selling of pools in Alabama. At the recent State Fair pools were sold and the bookmakers were arrested, but the inferior Criminal Court at Birmingham discharged the defendants on the ground that the law was unconstitutional. The anti-pool advocates carried the cases to the Supreme Court and the decision of the Birmingham tribunal was roversed. The de-cision is a great disappointment to horsemen.

as several ruce meetings in the State being planned. Short Line to Chicago Pennsylvania Bailroad, route of the "Pennsylvania Limited." Hee time table -- ada

CLUB TO SETTLE GAS WAR.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

USED, IT'S SAID, ON A. N. BRADT

WITH CONSOLIDATION TO COME. mash in Brooklyn Rapid Transit Followed

by Reports That Obstacles to a Settlement Will Presently Be Overcome-Be R. T. All Right, Its Executive Officers Say. A meeting between representatives of the local gas companies is likely to be held to-day which Wall Street expects will result in ending the gas war. Some preliminary conferences were held yesterday. That such steps

were taken was looked upon as evidence that the element in the New Amsterdam Gas Company which has been largely responsible for the delay of a settlement had changed its position. It is understood that this element is Anthony N. Brady, the only director of the New Amsterdam Gas Company who at the recent meeting of that company at which the price of gas was restored to \$1.10 voted against the advance.
According to Wall Street reports yesterday

afternoon, Mr. Brady's interests in the New Amsterdam Gas Company have been acquired by Consolidated Gas Interests. Some reports went so far as to associate the smash which took place yesterday in the market price of the stock of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company with efforts to compel a settlement of the gas war. The Consolidated Gas interests, which are largely Standard Oll Interests, are reported to have been for some time bearish Brooklyn Rapid Transit, a stock in which it has been generally believed Mr. Brady was largely interested. It was looked upon in Wall Street yesterday as significant that reports of the probable near ending of the gas wardld not become current until after the big break in B. R. T. Mr. Brady's assent to a settlement of the war, it was stated, was essential, and as it could not be got by satisfactory negotiations a little compulsion was applied. The terms of the settlement of the gas war, if it is arranged, it was said yesterday, will probably include the formation of a new big company to combine all the local gas companies, the securities of the new company to be distributed among the constituent companies substantially on the basis of their output.

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the new company to be distributed among the constituent companies substantially on the basis of their output.

The smash in the Brooklyn Rapid Transis was the feature of yesterlay's stock market and for a time unsettled the entire list of stocks dealt in on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock opened at 74 and early in the day sold at 74 %. Vigorous attacks made upon the price appeared to disloige some heavy lines of the stock and for awhile it was without support. Under very heavy dealings the price dropped to 01, but it railied to 65% at the closing—a net decline of 21% points for the day, and a decline of 21% points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and a decline of 70 points since Dec. 1 and 150 points since Dec. 1

President, who said it was made by the consecut of the committee:

"The Brooklyn Rapid Transit system new consists of 504 miles of railroad. The company has available over \$10,000,000 assets to meet all expenditures for future improvements and enlargements. It has appropriated during the last six months over \$600,000 for that purpose from sarnings. It has an ample cash balance in bank and has absolutely no floating debt. The surrius earnings will hereafter be applicable for dividends on the stock."

CUSTOM HOUSE FRAUD IN HAVANA.

Appraisers, All Prominent Cubans, Arrested-Merchants Implicated. Breefal Cable Despatch to Tun Bun.

HAVANA, Dec. 20.-The biggest Custom House scandal since the Americans assumed control of the island developed late this afternoon, r sulting in the arrest of ten appraisers on the charge of conspiring to defraud by changing the classification of imports. The men were arrested together in the Custom House and were murched in uniform through the streets. surrounded by police, to the jail. They offered to pay for cabs, but this privilege was refused Collector Bliss's Secret Service men have been investigating the conspiracy, in which prominent merchants are said to be implicated. for some time. It is known that the peculations extend over a period of two weeks, possibly more, and that the amount involved reaches many thousands of dollars. hourly expected that the implicated merchants

will be taken into custody. The arrests caused great excitement by reason of the prominence of the accused. All are prominent socially and all were prominent officers in the Cuban Army. The jail was thronged to-night with the parents and friends of the young men trying to see them. Special permits had to be obtained from Gen. Ludlow, which caused great indignation.

Following are the names of the accused: Alberto Colla, Juan Chacon, Enrique Huertas, Julio Martinez Mesa, Enrique Cubas, Pedro Gonzalez Chacon, José Maria Lasa, Angel Corugeda, Francisco Valdez Lopez and En-

This is the second arrest of great importance by Collector Bliss and his Secret Service mea within a week, the first having been the arrest of a counterfeiter.

BREWERY SUES JOHN L. Why the Former Champion Pugilist Gave

Up His Sixth Avenue Saloon. The Annheuser-Busch Brewing Company had an action on trial before Justice Hascall of the City Court yesterday to recover \$1,000 from the City Court yesterday to recover \$1.000 from John L. Sullivan, the former puglitat, for beer furnished at his saloon at 608 Sixth avenue, which he recently gave up to open snother. The case was on the short cause calendar for cases to be tried in an hour, and as the hour soon sped the judge put it at the foot of the calendar, where there is small chance that is will be reached before next fall.

The evidence of Sullivan was to the effect that the company was backing his Sixth avenue piace and that as he did not consider it had done for the place all that he expected it to de ha declined to pay the claim. He seemed happy when the case went over.

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LOUISIANA DEMOCRATS. W. W. Heard Nominated for Governor-Vic-

tory for Gov. Foster. NEW OBLEANS, Dec. 20,-The Louisiana State Democratic Convention in session at Baton Rouge to-night nominated for Governor, W. W. Heard, the present Auditor of the State and w. Heard, the present Auditor of the State and who has held that office since 1892. The nomination is a victory for Gov. M. J. Foster and means the election of Gov. Poster to succeed Senator Caffery and the reelection of Senator McLaery. The election will occur in April, The Republicans will probably put out a full State ticket.

Killed Four Black Bears in a Cave.

while chopping wood on Old Trunk Mountain to-day, found four black bears in a cave where they had taken quarters for the winter. Arris had no weapon other than an axe, but he slew the four animals without sustaining a scratch, From the State he will roceive a bounty of \$5 for each bear. The pelts are worth \$25 each. Capt. Carter's Secretary Gets Ball.

SOUTH PARIS, Me., Dec. 20,-W. W. Arris.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 20.-Michael A. Connolly, one of the alleged conspirators in the

Carter-Gaynor case, arrived from Havana to-day under arrest. He gave a \$1,000 bond to answer the charge against him. Connolly was Capt. Carter's private secretary.